

Mateo Gonzalez Manrique to Andrew Jackson, November 9, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GONZALEZ MANRIQUE TO JACKSON.1

1 Translation.

Pensacola, November 9, 1814.

Most excellent Sir. I received your much appreciated letter of this same date in which you are pleased to recommend to me Captain Williams² of the United States army. Your Excellency may be persuaded that he will have complete security, as will also any troops³ he may need, together with the consideration deserved by an official [officer] or other troops³ who have earned for themselves the eternal gratitude of the inhabitants of this town.

² Capt. William Laval, of the 3d Regiment, was severely wounded on the 7th and had to be left behind when Jackson marched back to Mobile. Laval was confided to the humane consideration of Governor (Commandant) Manrique, by letter of Jackson. The governor takes the first name for a surname, as Spaniards not infrequently do in the case of foreign names.

³ *I. e.*, individual soldiers.

I am, Sir general, with the greatest consideration, your obedient and faithful servant, and I ask God to preserve your life many years.